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Ron Murawski
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Re: Monthly Progress Report, July 2006
Old American Zinc Plant Site (Site)
Fairmont City, Illinois

Dear Mr. Murawski:

On behalf of Blue Tee Corp. (Blue Tee), and pursuant to Paragraph 42 of the Administrative Order on Consent, U.S. EPA Docket No. V-W-05-C-8120, for the above referenced Site, enclosed please find the Monthly Progress report for July 2006.

Please call me with any comments or questions on this report.

Sincerely,

Gary D. Uphoff
Project Coordinator

MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT

July 2006

Old American Zinc Plant Site

Fairmont City, Illinois

1. ACTIONS PERFORMED OR COMPLETED THIS PERIOD

- A. ENTACT & Associates LLC (ENTACT) conducted investigations and collected samples in accordance with the approved Support Sampling Plan (SSP) for the Old American Zinc Plant Site (Site). During the month sampling and investigation required under the SSP was completed for groundwater and residential/vacant properties.
- B. ENTACT investigated ownership of residential/vacant properties and followed up by mailing or hand delivering access agreements to identified owners of residential/vacant properties to be sampled as part of the Remedial Investigation (RI) and sampled properties for which access had been granted.
- C. On July 6, 2006, Special Counsel to Blue Tee Corp. (Blue Tee) submitted a letter to the attorney for the Village of Fairmont City following up of the access agreement submitted by ENTACT for the sampling of alleyways.
- D. On July 6, 2006, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region V (EPA) submitted comments via email on the Addendum to the Support Sampling Plan (SSP) and Quality Management Plan (QMP) dated June 28, 2006.
- E. On July 11, 2006, ENTACT submitted a revised Addendum to the SSP and QMP addressing EPA's July 6, 2006 comments.
- F. On July 12, 2006, EPA submitted a letter approving the Addendum to the SSP and QMP.
- G. On July 20, 2006, ENTACT demobilized from the Site.

2. DATA AND RESULTS RECEIVED THIS PERIOD

- A. A summary of the analytical results received during the month were provided to EPA along with the weekly reports. Individual data sheets can be provided electronically if requested.

3. SCHEDULED ACTIONS NOT COMPLETED

- A. Sampling of the City alleyways was scheduled to be performed under the SSP, but this activity was not completed because the Village of Fairmont City has not provided access.
- B. All residential/vacant properties in the vicinity of the Site that were not sampled as part of the 2002 Removal Action were defined to be sampled under the SSP. However, six owners of properties scheduled to be sampled have denied access for sampling and ENTACT has been unable to locate and/or contact 12 property owners.

4. PLANNED ACTIONS FOR NEXT PERIOD

- A. ENTACT will continue to attempt to locate and contact residential/vacant property owners to obtain access to properties scheduled to be sampled as part of the SSP.
- B. Blue Tee will provide EPA with documentation of the property owners that ENTACT has not been able to locate and/or contact and property owners that have denied access for sampling for consideration by EPA.

5. ISSUES OR PROBLEMS ARISING THIS PERIOD

- A. The Village of Fairmont City has not responded to an access agreement to allow for the sampling of the alleyways owned by the Village that was sent to the attorney representing the Village via certified mail on June 30, 2006.
- B. The owners of 12 residential/ vacant properties to be sampled as part of the RI have not been located or could not be contacted to obtain access for sampling. Another six property owners have formally denied access for sampling.

6. RESOLUTION OF ISSUES OR PROBLEMS

- A. Special Counsel to Blue Tee has submitted a letter to the attorney representing the Village and has attempted to contact him several times by phone to discuss the access agreement with no success. Therefore, if EPA can not obtain access from the Village within the next two weeks, Blue Tee requests that this component of work be eliminated from the sampling requirements under the SSP, so that work can be initiating on the preparation of the risk assessments and RI.
- B. ENTACT will make one more attempt to locate/contact the 12 property owners and then Blue Tee will turn this matter over to EPA for its' consideration.